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### IEW holiday schedule

IEW Maintenance will be open from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. today through Jan. 2, 2002. For more information, call 533-6008.

### EEO closed

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on today for the office holiday celebration.

### DRM closed

The Directorate of Resource Management will hold its holiday celebration today. The office will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For emergencies, call Denise Magwood at 533-1302.

### ASAP closed

The Army Substance Abuse Program will be closed today, 11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. For emergency situations, use of the Prime Time Clinic and Sierra Vista Regional Hospital is recommended. ASAP telephone number is 533-3604, Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

### PAO closed

The Public Affairs Office will close at 10:30 a.m. today for its holiday celebration. In case of emergencies, page 452-2040 or call 508-1479. The office will reopen for normal hours on Dec. 21.

### Contracting closed

The Directorate of Contracting will be closed Friday afternoon for its holiday party. For emergencies, page the Director, Wilma Rose, at (877) 586-2820.

### Turn Around Point closed

The Chapel's Turn Around Point, located in AAFES Administration Building 52045, will be closed for the holiday season starting Friday and will reopen on Jan. 8, 2002.

### Commissary holiday hours

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will have some special hours during the holidays. It will be open Monday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Re-open regular hours on Dec. 27. It will be open Dec. 31 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed on Jan. 1 and 2, 2002. Re-open regular hours on Jan. 3, 2002. The Commissary Staff wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

### Pharmacy closed

The pharmacy at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center and the Post Exchange will be closed Monday and Tuesday and Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2002.

### Christmas Eve worship

The Fort Huachuca Installation Christmas Eve Candlelight Service begins at 7 p.m., Monday at the Main Post Chapel. Chaplain (Col.) Juan Loya will bring the message for this service.

This is a traditional event at Fort Huachuca. There will be Christmas hymns, scripture readings that represent the birth narrative of Christ, responsive readings, and the lighting of candles.

All are welcome to celebrate the birth of Christ with us. For more information, call the Installation Staff Chaplain's Office at 533-4748.

### Clinic holiday hours

The Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center Prime Time Clinic will be open 2-8 p.m. on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Training holidays and weekends the Prime Time Clinic will be open noon-6 p.m.

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

**Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Signal Brigade board a C5 aircraft at Libby Army Airfield. Elements from this unit, along with elements of the 86th and 504th Signal Battalions are providing communications support during Operation Enduring Freedom.**



**Spc. Jonathan Baugh from the 504th Signal Battalion, shares a final moment with his family before deploying.**

## Signal soldiers deploy for freedom

By Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert  
11th Sig. Bde. PAO

Soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade have taken on part of the communications mission in the war on terrorism.

Troops from the brigade Headquarters Company, and the 86th and 504th Signal Battalions have deployed to the Central Command area of operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The CENTCOM area includes the Middle East, parts of Africa and countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan.

While specific details about the locations and missions of brigade soldiers cannot be released for operational and personal security reasons, the 11th Sig. Bde. soldiers are trained and ready to perform a variety of tactical and strategic communications anywhere in the world.

## Army to reorganize headquarters

### DoD release

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White announced Tuesday decisions from a review of the organization of the Headquarters, Department of the Army. The purpose of the review was to streamline decision-making, achieve greater unity of effort within the headquarters, remove unnecessary layers in the organization, and gain greater control over resource management.

This effort complements the on-going Army transformation, the direction of which has been re-affirmed since the terrible attacks of Sept. 11. The changes will provide a more capable, responsive Army headquarters to address the urgent requirements of the next few years.

As White explained when he initiated the review in late June, "No successful corporate headquarters in the world today is organized the way we are in Headquarters, Department of the Army. We currently have two separate staffs, often performing some of the same or similar functions.

"The level of individual performance and dedication is very high but we need to ensure those great individual efforts yield the best

results. My goal is to reshape the two staffs into a headquarters that maintains civilian oversight and runs much more efficiently."

The realignment of the Army headquarters is integral to the Army vision articulated in 1999 to transform the entire Army. Addressing the changes announced Tuesday, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki said, "This alignment creates a more effective and efficient headquarters and

enables us to increase our momentum in achieving the Objective Force this decade."

A full description of the realignment is in the executive summary on the Web at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Dec2001/d20011217realignment.pdf>.

The guiding philosophy behind this assessment is to enhance effectiveness by clearly defining responsibility and authority within

functional areas; realigning fragmented organizations; eliminating duplication of effort; incorporating, where appropriate, better business practices and organizational concepts that have proven successful in major corporations; and optimizing the use of technology.

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## CFC contributions for fort, county are largest in history

By Maj. Terry Hurley  
CFC Coordinator

The Combined Federal Campaign is the largest single charitable campaign in the world. Initially established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy in an effort to avoid disruption to the federal workplace caused by the many organizations asking for contributions, the Combined Federal Campaign has become an excellent way to contribute while keeping fundraising costs low.

Each year, the Combined Federal Campaign reaches out to its federal employees asking each of them to take time out to contribute to a charitable organization.

This year, Combined Federal Campaign brochures named over 1800 international, national and local charities from which individuals could choose.

On Sept. 11, our country was immensely impacted by the need to reach out to help others. Without a doubt, the community of Fort Huachuca and Cochise County gave from the heart, giving more than ever before in the campaign's history.

The Fort Huachuca Combined Federal Campaign goal was based on the post population using a dime a day as our baseline amount. That put us at the goal of \$340,000, the largest ever in Fort Huachuca's history.

They said it couldn't be done. They said the goal was too ambitious. Last year, the goal was \$290,000.

After all contributions had come in, the post had collected \$310,732. We knew we could exceed that. And we did.

Money is still coming in; however, the unofficial final results show that we have ex-

ceeded the \$340,000 goal.

Cochise County (excluding Fort Huachuca) nearly doubled its total contributions for 2001 raising over \$49,000. That brings our overall contributions for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County to nearly \$390,000m and we are still counting.

According to Maj. Terry Hurley, CFC Coordinator for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County, "There were times when we felt as if we would not make it. We originally planned to kickoff the campaign on September 17, but the events of September 11 delayed the kickoff until mid October.

"We were afraid the community would not be interested in donating to the Combined Federal Campaign because of everything else that

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Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

Primary Leadership Development Course graduates were decked out days prior to graduation for the dining in held for each cycle.

## Fort has 26 successful PLDC grads

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa  
Scout Staff

The Primary Leadership Development Course class 02-02 had 26 successful Fort Huachuca graduates, four of whom made the Commandant’s List, Dec. 14. The course teaches leadership skills to help make soldiers into noncommissioned officers.

Graduates were: Sgt. Samantha L. Long, Company A, 40th Signal Battalion; Spc. Stephen M. Balliett, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison; Spc. Anntoniette M. Pierce, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center, Medical Command; Sgt. David Westfield, Company C, 40th Sig. Bn.; Spc. Laura E. Martinez, HHC, USAG; Sgt. Victor Ingrahm, 19th Signal Company; Sgt. David Ostrum, Company C, 40th Sig. Bn.; Spc. Nikita J. Fleming, NCO Academy; Spc. Hollie Gower, Company C, 40th Sig. Bn.; Sgt. Ericka G. Booth, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 504th Sig. Bn.; Spc. Jorge D. Ozuna, Company A, 40th Sig. Bn.; Spc. Jeffrey N. Slavin, HHC, 40th Sig. Bn.; Sgt. Francisco Huereque, 18th Military Police Detachment; Sgt. Derek Yorkison, HHC, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade; Spc. Pequan Robinson, RWBAHC, MEDDAC; Spc. Gregori Thatcher, HHC, USAG; Spc. Jeffrey Tinsman, RWBAHC, MEDDAC; Spc. Roberto Oson, Company D, 86th Sig. Bn.; Spc. Nate Ewald, HHC, USAG; Spc. Chivona Cruz, Company B, 86th Sig. Bn.; Spc. Jeremy Boivin, 19th Sig. Co.; Spc. Keith Johnson, Company D, 86th Sig. Bn.; Spc. Justin Fausett, Company A, 304th MI Bn.; Cpl. Melinda M. Higginbotham, HHC, USAG; Spc. Joel A. Oglesbee and Spc. Jessica Espinosa, HHC USAG.

This will be the last class for the year. Classes pick up again in January at Fort Bliss, Texas. For soldiers interested in going, Staff Sgt. Damien Torres, small group leader, said “you should be prepared to work long days and sometimes long nights. You have to believe in the NCO Corps in order to make a difference.”

### Have we got news for you!

Read it online, click on [huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/PAO](http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/PAO)

## Team Talk

Brig. Gen. James ‘Spider’ and Marty Marks  
USAIC&FH Commanding General and wife

As we get ready for the holidays on Fort Huachuca, we want to wish every one of you the very best for the season.

The tragedies of this past year have affected us all deeply, both in our personal lives and our chosen military careers.

This added stress makes it even more important that we recognize and reflect on those values that give our lives meaning.

So, we hope you will be able to take some time to relax and enjoy the events of the season — religious observances, community events, and sim-



ply time with family and friends.

The holidays are a time when this circle of friends and family becomes all the more meaningful, and we hope you all are able to enjoy these special times with those near and dear to you.

Of course, many of our military brethren will not be able to spend the holidays with their loved ones. They are deployed in all corners of the globe, helping make this a safer world. Our heartfelt thanks and prayers go out to all these men and women in uniform, the civilians who serve, and their families.

To the soldiers, civilians and contractors here on Fort Huachuca, we send our sincerest thanks for your hard work this past year and for — truly — a job well done. Because of you all, Fort Huachuca is a better place to live and work, and we continue to be “always out front” in our diverse training and operational missions.

Our gratitude goes out to all Fort Huachuca family mem-

bers, as well, for the vital contributions you make to this effort. Our jobs do not get done without the support and sacrifice of the families standing beside us.

Have an enjoyable holiday, whether staying here in southeastern Arizona or traveling across the country and world to be with family and friends. Please remember to be safe and act responsibly. The leading causes of holiday accidents and injuries do not disappear in times of national crisis.

We must not allow our concentration on this honorable and just cause of eliminating terrorism and those who harbor terrorist networks to diminish our awareness of more personal hazards close to home.

By exercising caution in all our activities, by being more aware of our surroundings, and by staying vigilant, we can minimize our risks. Together we can make this a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

From the Marks family to you and your families, best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

## TRADOC’s top leaders send holiday, safety messages to troops

Ceil and I wish you and your families the very best of the season. As we slow the pace to accommodate activities and events that bring us all closer together, let us reflect on what has brought us to this point — hard work, the support of families and friends, and a commitment to excellence.

Our lives changed in many ways on Sept. 11. Through our experiences we have rediscovered a strong, unified nation that celebrates what is good for all of us.

As we go about our holiday preparations, let us remember our servicemembers overseas and the sacrifices they are making to keep us safe and free. Let us also be aware of each other and strive to keep these days safe and accident free.

Across TRADOC we celebrate the diversity of our populations and of our missions realizing that only as a strong command can we make a difference to our Army.

Thank you for all that you have done for our Army.

Gen. John N. Abrams  
TRADOC Commander

As the newly appointed TRADOC Command Sergeant Major I wish to start this assignment by wishing all the merriest holiday season.

As the commander’s senior enlisted advisor, I am here to fully support his efforts to make this command one of standardized operations with risk management totally integrated in all we do.

I join General Abrams in sending the message to all TRADOC noncommissioned officers that protecting the resources of this command is paramount.

While we take time out for loved ones and friends this season, let us all be aware of the dangers associated with the holidays. It is well known that holiday travel increases the possibility of injury causing accidents.

Leaders at all levels must ensure their personnel are fully aware of the many hazards associated with the operation of privately owned vehicles. I am delighted to know this command was one that exceeded the Chief of Staff of the Army’s

goal in reducing accidental fatalities.

Our efforts are only the beginning in making training as free of unnecessary risk as possible while maintaining Army standards in a realistic training environment.

In executing the responsibilities of my appointed position, I expect to see noncommissioned officers performing their jobs to the highest of military standards while protecting the Army’s resources through the professional use of the risk management process.

As the senior noncommissioned officer of the Training and Doctrine Command, General Abrams looks to me to implement his directives and guidance. I challenge you to set, maintain and demand the highest military standards.

The NCO Corps is the key to success. Soldiers will emulate your examples.

I wish all a safe and joyous holiday season.

Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony J. Williams  
TRADOC

## Lifelong Learning

### Give gift of college education

#### Cochise College release

Shoppers combing store shelves for perfect holiday gifts need look no further than the nearest Cochise College campus.

Education is one gift that is sure to please. While it requires some effort on the part of the recipient, the resulting knowledge lasts a lifetime and could put someone on the path to an exciting career or promotion.

Cochise College gift certificates can cover books, supplies or tuition for a class, a semester or a degree.

A gift certificate for \$100, for example, will cover tuition for a three-credit class (\$31 per credit hour) or a textbook and school supplies.

The college offers classes that can lead to a degree or enhance existing knowledge or skills. New offerings in the Sierra Vista and Bisbee areas include:

— **Introduction to Poetry (ENG 209)** and **American Literature II (ENG 225)**, both taught by Jeff Sturges, are offered only once a year in Sierra Vista.

— **Introduction to Aviation (PFT 100)** ground school is being offered at the Sierra Vista campus. It’s ideal for individuals who think they might consider flight training in the future or for those who are in the training process.

Students who complete the course will be prepared to take the FAA Private Pilot knowledge test.

— **Theater Workshop (THE 110)** is ideal for the beginner or the accomplished actor. Students work on all aspects of a theater production, including acting, scene design and construction, makeup, costuming and lighting.

— **Air Conditioning Maintenance/Refrigeration I (GTC 122)** provides students with proficiency in inspecting, trouble-shooting, repairing and maintaining air conditioning and evaporative cooling systems. Seasonal maintenance also will be covered.

— **A three-credit Home Gardening (AGR 215)** class covers care and maintenance of trees, shrubs, hedges and flowers, as well as the cultivation of vegetable gar-

dens.

— **Know Your Automobile (GTC 014)** covers everything from buying, insuring and repairing a car to preventative maintenance.

— **Machine Tool Technology (GTC 140)** is a course in basic machine shop operations designed for students of any skill level. Drilling, milling, grinding and the lathe process are covered.

— Students enrolled in **Museum Studies (ANT 198)** will travel to museums around the county learning from museum professionals from around the state how to preserve and create exhibits.

— Dr. Joe Gilliland will explore the work of the most successful English-language playwright during **Introduction to Shakespeare (ENG 222)**, a course to be offered this spring at Bisbee High School.

Students will read and study three of Shakespeare’s most-performed history plays, as well as “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” “Comedy of Errors,” “Twelfth Night,” “Richard III” and “King Lear.”

— A new **associate of applied science degree in business management** now being offered is designed for direct employment in business management and/or transfer to Arizona State University East and other colleges accepting AAS transfer degrees.

— A new **Microcomputer Skills Proficiency Certificate** can be completed taking traditional and/or module (OAD 193/293) classes. The MSPC is designed to help students develop proficiency using the Microsoft Office Professional software.

— **Computer courses** in digital imaging, graphics, animation, slicing and dicing web pages and building home pages are being offered in one-credit modules (CIS 193A-Z).

Friday is the last day that gift certificates will be available. Visit the business office or call 515-5416 in Sierra Vista.

The college will be closed over the holidays, reopening Jan. 7.

Students may register for classes Jan. 7-22. Advised students may register online anytime by visiting [www.cochise.org](http://www.cochise.org) and clicking on INFOnline.

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# Santa gives soldier \$500 for Christmas

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart  
Scout Staff

Spc. Ch’Reece Pryor of Company A, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion will have a very hard time if she ever tries to convince her two children that Santa Claus is not real.

An anonymous servicemember presented Chap. (Maj.) Phillip Richmond, the battalion chaplain, with a \$400 Army and Air Force Exchange gift certificate and \$100 cash, to pass on to Pryor to ensure that she will be able to provide her children with a Christmas they won’t forget.

During their battalion Christmas party, Dec. 15, Pryor, a personnel administration specialist, said the chaplain took her aside because he needed to talk to her. He then presented her a card that had the gift certificate and cash in it. “Every time I think about it, I cry,” Pryor said.

Pryor, who is a single parent, said she just got promoted to specialist and wasn’t able to get her children anything for Christmas last year.

“This has restored my faith in people, this tells me a lot

about people today. I can’t even imagine who would think enough of me and my family to do such a thing,” she said. “Just think somebody cared enough for me and my family to do something like this. I won’t ever forget this,” Pryor said.

“I have good children who deserve a wonderful Christmas and I’m so thankful that they will have a good one this year and that God has blessed us in this way. They’re used to getting only one thing each year even though I wasn’t able to get them anything last year, so they have a lot of surprises in store for them,” Pryor said. She plans on getting them new clothes and some toys.

Richmond said the donor was a Christian and a member of the battalion who simply wanted to bless Pryor and her family.

“She has two, beautiful, well-mannered children. This gift will enable them to have a wonderful Christmas,” Richmond said.

“Hopefully one day, I will be able to bless others. I pray that who ever has done this for my family, God will bless them seven-fold,” Pryor said.

I can’t even imagine who would think enough of me and my family to do such a thing. Just think somebody cared enough for me and my family to do something like this. I won’t ever forget this.

Spc. Ch’Reece Pryor

## Kelly Operations celebrates holiday season with food, fun

By Capt. Ian M. Howard  
S1, 112th MI Bde. Adjutant

The 112th Military Intelligence Brigade, Futures Development Integration Center and Requirements Determination, Development and Integration all sponsored a holiday feast on Dec. 14.

This was a very festive event as the soldiers and civilians not only prepared the food, but took charge in decorating various parts of Kelly Operations. Scores of soldiers and civilians lined the hallways of Kelly Operations and feasted on turkey, ham and good old-fashioned holiday pies.

This holiday feast capped a long week of festive foods in the Kelly Operations building. Prior to the holiday feast the soldiers and civilians prepared holiday tables during the week where the soldiers and civilians had an opportunity to taste various cookies and cakes.

After everyone was stuffed to the gills, there were prizes



Best decorated door, Room 226, Kelly Operations.



Courtesy photos

The best office cubicle went to Master Sgt. Sessions who works in the Training Analysis and Development Division.

presented to the best-decorated cubicle and door competition. The winner of the best door went to Room 226 sponsored by the training development department. The best office cubicle went to Master Sgt. Sessions who works in the Training Analysis and Development Division.

## Chapel invites community to Christmas Eve services

Chapel release

Worship on Christmas Eve is traditional for Christians. Along with the Advent Season, Christmas time is rich in traditions, which despite modern commercial exploitation, still stir our hearts and imagination.

The Christmas tree, the manger scene, the music and carols, the lights shining in the winter darkness joyfully proclaim the birth of Jesus Christ and call us to come and adore him.

The Fort Huachuca Protestant and Catholic communities worship on Christmas Eve at various times.

The candlelight, collective Protestant service begins at 7 p.m. in the Main Post Chapel. The Installation Staff Chaplain, Chaplain (Col.) Juan Loya, is the guest preacher. The service lasts one hour. The theme of the service is “Come All Ye Faithful, Come.”

The Catholic community celebrates Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. for families with children. The traditional Midnight Mass with candlelight begins at 10:30 p.m. Special music is planned for both services.

Chaplain (Capt.) Montez Kaufman of the 40th Signal Battalion said, “The anthems, hymns and songs of praise promise to lift our hearts and minds to God in thanks for the birth of Jesus. We expect a full chapel at all services.”

Come early to ensure a good parking space. The chapel is handicap accessible, entering through the Smith Street entrance. Watch care for children is available during all services. Families are encouraged to come early and visit our safe, clean and reliable child watch center at the chapel in Room 25.

Many of the fort commanders attending the worship services said they are very pleased with the efforts of the Select Honor Guard and the Protestant Women of the Chapel. Volunteers from both groups gathered in the chapel on Dec. 1 to decorate the sanctuary.

“Decorating the chapel on the first Saturday in December is a long tradition at Fort Huachuca,” said Catholic Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mario Amezcua. “This year the Protestant Women of the Chapel with the help of the Select Honor Guard put up the decorations in time for our tree lighting ceremony and the Catholic Women of the Chapel will take them down, we do this thing together,” he said.

The Christmas Eve Service at Fort Huachuca dates back to the earliest days of the fort. From the 1870s to the year 2001, soldiers at this post attended worship with their chaplains. Today, soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen from MI Village who are not on exodus leave will attend with members of their command. For more information, call the Installation Staff Chaplain’s Office at 533-4748.

## CPAC approves employees as leave recipients

CPAC release

The employees shown below have been approved as leave recipients under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program.

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Ronald Geller	CSLA
Eugene Gross	USANETA
Luther (Rick) Lee	DOIM
Mary Stevenson	ASC, G-1

Donations of annual leave can be made by using OPM Form 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Leave Transfer Program. When completing the form, list your work phone in item number 3. This will assist if additional information is needed. Forms may be sent to ATZS-CP.

For more information, call Barbara Vineyard at 533-1481.

## Executive order excuses federal employees Dec. 24

CPAC release

The President has issued an executive order excusing federal employees from duty on Monday, except those who, in the judgment of the head of the agency, cannot be excused for reasons of national security, defense, or other essential public business.

For pay and leave purposes, Dec. 24 will be treated as falling within the scope of statutes and executive orders governing holidays

for federal employees.

An employee who has previously scheduled to take annual leave on Dec. 24 will not be charged annual leave (or any other form of paid leave, compensatory time off, or credit hours) for that day.

An employee who is required to work nonovertime hours on Dec. 24 is entitled to holiday premium pay under 5USC 5546 (b).

For instructions refer to [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov).

## Commentary Spirit of giving

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart  
Scout Staff

I Timothy 6: 18: “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.” (NIV)

For me Christmas has always been a magical time for children, full of their intoxicating joy, their bright eyes and their peals of glee whether they are opening presents, gobbling cookies or looking at all of the beautiful, glittering holiday decorations.

But this holiday season I had to dig deep to see if I myself truly understood the meaning of Christmas.

Three families who were residents of a local domestic abuse shelter have started attending my church recently. All three parents are single and unemployed with children who are desperately in need of clothes, under wear and shoes.

The parents were fretting about the possibility of not having a roof over their head during the coming winter months as well as depressed about not being able to get their children anything for Christmas.

The ladies of my church decided to gather

toys and clothing for the parents as well as the children and give the gifts to the families anonymously.

I admit I did my Christmas shopping for my daughter back when the toy store on post had it’s grand opening and have had the satisfaction of hiding them in my closet and on occasion pulling them out and chuckling to myself over her anticipated reaction on Christmas morning.

When I went through the items, I really had a hard time choosing. “I can’t part with that, I work hard and my daughter deserves that for having to be at the daycare center every day at 6:20 a.m.,” I told myself.

“Not that, she will look adorable in that especially since she’s lost her front tooth,” I sternly admonished myself when it came time to select clothing items.

But I try to live my life the way I want my daughter to live hers. When it boils down to it, the holiday season be it Ramadan, Hanukah or Christmas, is defined by giving, self-sacrifice and thankfulness so I solved my dilemma with the help of a co-worker by being thankful that I had something to give.



## Medical Activity Command

Public Notice

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization will conduct an accreditation survey of Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center Jan. 29-31, 2002

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization’s compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards.

The survey will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded to the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided.

Anyone believing that the or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission’s field representative at the time of the survey.

Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no

later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations  
Account Representative  
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

One Renaissance Boulevard  
Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181  
The Joint Commission will acknowledge such request in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview.

The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission’s requirements.

## City, fort recycle phone books until Jan. 12

City of Sierra Vista release

This year’s Phone Book Recycling Campaign runs through Jan. 12, 2002. Doing the right thing is easier than ever.

Old phone books can be deposited in the newspaper slot at any of the City’s convenient drop-off recycling locations or at Ace Hardware, Fry’s Food Store, Safeway, Wal-Mart, SSVEC, SHARC, Sierra Vista City Hall, the Fort Huachuca Commissary and The Mall at Sierra Vista.

Local schools from both Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca will be actively involved in the collections process.

An annual contest challenges students and schools to collect the most used phone books. The top class in each school will win a free pizza party provided by the program sponsors.

The top school and runner up will each receive the prestigious Recycling Award of Excellence. Sponsors for this portion of the program include Horizon Moving Systems, Peter Piper Pizza, First West Properties Corporation, Qwest DEX and Sierra Vista.

The phone book campaign is an impor-

tant part of Sierra Vista’s recycling programs. Last year’s campaign recovered almost 63 percent of the total phone books issued in the area the previous year.

Additionally, over the last six years the city has maintained a recover rate of over 50 percent. The normal recovery rate, nationwide, is less than 15 percent of total volume issued.

The Sierra Vista program has been recognized throughout the state and region as a model recycling effort worthy of emulation. The program has even been showcased in the publication “Arizona Recycling Review.”

Through the Sierra Vista program, and others like it, over 79 million phone books have been recycled in the Southwestern region since 1991. That equates to a resource savings of over two and a half million trees, one billion gallons of water, over 500,000 gallons of oil and more than 620 million kilo-watt hours of energy.

Questions or comments concerning this year’s Phone Book Recycling Campaign, or the city’s other environmental programs, should be directed to the City of Sierra Vista Environmental Services Division at 458-3315.





Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Eileen M. Ahearn takes the guidon from Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general, and officially takes command of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade.

## 112th MI Bde. changes command

By Capt. Ian M. Howard  
SI, 112th MI Bde. Adjutant

Despite the cold temperatures and snow flurries with wind gusts up to 20 knots, the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade change of command at Brown Parade Field took place without a hitch. Lt. Col. Eileen M. Ahearn assumed command of the brigade on Dec. 11.

The ceremony only lasted about 25 minutes at the gazebo on Brown Parade Field. Outgoing commander, Col. William H. Phelps, expressed his sincere thanks for the work the soldiers and civilians provided him in support of the 112th.

Phelps is moving to Requirements Determination Development and Integration to head the future of the Military Intelligence

community.

Ahearn’s parents and sister who came from Georgia were very proud as she took the brigade guidon from Brig. Gen. James A. Marks. The taking of the colors from the outgoing commander is a symbolic tradition, which illustrates a commander taking charge of the unit.

Ahearn in her remarks as the commander of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade said she looked forward to serving with the soldiers of the 112th.

The change of command also marked the three-month anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11 and in remembrance of those lost there was a moment of silence at 7:37 a.m. and at 7:38 a.m. the 36th Army Band played the National Anthem.

## Maintain vigilance during exodus

Due to the recent events of Sept. 11, all Americans must be at the highest state of alert. Servicemembers assigned to Fort Huachuca are encouraged to take every precaution possible, as military members are potential targets of terrorism.

The U.S. government has extended its generalized warning of terrorist attacks against U.S. interests through the end of the year.

Currently, there is no specific threat to Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista or the state of Arizona.

The current heightened state of threat warning comes from nonspecific threats and warnings against American targets, coupled with likely reprisals for our ongoing military campaign against terrorism and several dates of symbolic importance during December.

Terrorists who may be considering attacks against the United States would likely pick targets with a large psychological impact. Such targets as national landmarks or anywhere that there are many Americans could be attacked.

The would-be attackers will try to pick a target within these categories that is the easiest to attack. American soldiers, in or out of uniform, can make a terrorist think twice about target selection.

While enjoying leave and the holidays, continue to be vigilant. Watch those around you for suspicious behavior. Avoid traveling alone. Locate the nearest exit of anyplace you will be staying in for more than a few minutes.

If in an airport, proceed through the security checkpoint as early as possible in order to spend as little time as possible in the less secure areas.

Vary your routes and routine so you do not present a predictable pattern to anyone watching you.

As an American soldier, you serve as a symbol of what makes this country great and as a potential target for our enemies.

Your training and vigilance can go a long way to discourage an attack or lessen its effects if one does occur.

Simple awareness of your surroundings can help keep you and those around you safe during this holiday period.

Servicemembers planning to travel outside the continental United States, should check with their battalion S2 and the Fort Huachuca Security Office for up-to-date information and country warnings.

(Editor’s note: Information for this article was taken from the Exodus Threat Brief distributed to servicemembers on Fort Huachuca.)

### Current Travel Warnings

Travel Warnings are issued when the State Department recommends that Americans avoid a certain country. The countries listed below are currently on that list:

Israel, the West Bank and Gaza - 12/7/01  
Algeria - 5/31/01  
Yemen - 12/3/01  
Guinea-Bissau - 4/30/01  
Macedonia - 11/29/01  
Colombia - 4/17/01  
Afghanistan - 11/23/01  
Bosnia & Herzegovina - 4/13/01  
Indonesia - 11/23/01  
Somalia - 2/16/01  
Kyrgyz Republic - 11/19/01  
Burundi - 12/7/00  
Central African Republic - 11/8/01  
Angola - 9/8/00  
Solomon Islands - 11/8/01  
Lebanon - 8/28/00  
Sudan - 10/5/01  
Albania - 6/12/00  
Tajikistan - 9/26/01  
Nigeria - 4/7/00  
Pakistan - 9/25/01  
Liberia - 5/31/01  
Iran - 8/24/01  
Libya - 6/6/01  
Sierra Leone - 8/20/01  
Iraq - 7/20/01

### Current Public Announcements

The State Department issues Public Announcements to disseminate information quickly about terrorist threats and other relatively short-term conditions that pose significant risks or disruptions to Americans. The current Public Announcements are listed below:

Malaysia: issued - 12/5/01, expires - 6/22/02  
Nepal: issued - 12/4/01, expires - 3/2/02  
Gabon: issued - 12/4/01, expires - 1/10/02  
Venezuela: issued - 12/3/01, expires - 1/10/02  
Peru: issued - 12/1/01, expires - 1/31/02  
Belgium: issued - 11/29/01, expires - 12/28/01  
Turkmenistan: issued - 11/16/01, expires - 3/14/02  
Middle East Update: issued - 11/9/01, expires - 2/10/02  
Rwanda: issued - 11/9/01, expires - 3/18/02  
Bolivia: issued - 11/1/01, expires - 2/2/02  
Sri Lanka: issued - 10/26/01, expires - 1/22/02  
Bangladesh: issued - 10/26/01, expires - 1/9/02  
Worldwide Caution: issued - 10/23/01, expires - 4/19/02  
East Timor: issued - 10/22/01, expires - 3/31/02  
Philippines: issued - 10/5/01, expires - 4/22/02  
Italy: issued - 10/2/01, expires - 1/6/02  
Niger: issued - 9/28/01, expires - 1/6/02  
Uzbekistan: issued - 9/22/01, expires - 1/8/02  
Uganda: issued - 9/7/01, expires - 12/6/01  
China: issued - 4/19/01, expires - 12/27/01

For more information, [www.state.gov/travel\\_warnings.html](http://www.state.gov/travel_warnings.html).

## Winter, holiday season encompasses travel, weather, food, personal safety

By Bruce Heran  
USAIC&FH Safety Manager

The winter holidays are a special time of the year. Many different kinds of celebrations take place. It is a festive time often involving travel and family activities.

In previous years, peace and prosperity were the norm. The terrorist actions of the past few months have caused many changes in our daily lives and beliefs. Our feelings of safety and security have been challenged. We are now aware of many new types of dangers. We cannot allow fear to degrade our seasonal joy.

The recipe for an enjoyable holiday season is to blend caution with optimism. On a personal level, there is much we can do to reduce our risks. The following tips are provided to help make this a great holiday season.

### Travel

Have a clear destination in mind. Know what method of travel you are going to use. Get advance reservations if you travel by commercial means. Be sure you know travel and baggage restrictions if you are travelling by commercial air carrier. Allow extra time for check in and boarding of aircraft.

Most people will travel by auto. Even if you fly, you need a rental auto at the other end. Do a safety check of your vehicle. Employ advance planning. Figure out the travel time, distance, costs, where to stay and plan for contingencies such as weather. Be reasonable in making the plans.

Tell some one you trust where you are going. If you don’t arrive or return, some one has an idea of where and when to start searching.

### Recreation

Make sure your physical condition matches your activities. Don’t exceed your limits.

Check carefully any sports equipment you will use. Verify that personal protective equipment is in good condition and suitable for the activity.

Evaluate your surroundings. Is the activity inside, outside, in snow, on water in the mountains or desert? Each has special considerations.

Use the buddy system. This gives you an on site help or rescue capability.

Have some form of communication. Cell phones are great — just be certain they work in your location, flares, reflectors, CB radios are examples.

If the activity is in a remote area or is something that could leave you stranded, be sure to have emergency supplies. Items such as blankets, water, signal mirror, food, extra fuel and shelter may be suitable depending on the activity.

### Food

Food selection is important and must match the holiday activities. Food needs to be prepared and stored properly to avoid illnesses. Pay particular attention to poultry, stuffing, egg dishes and mayonnaise.

Know what to do if someone is choking. Know where to get emergency assistance.

### Celebrations and parties

Be sure the location is suitable for the number of people expected and the type of activities planned.

Know or plan how everyone will get there and, if by auto, where will they park?

How will everyone get home? Be sensitive to DWI issues, designated drivers, taxi, unit free rides and similar available programs.

### Weather

If the weather is a factor in the activity, get a current forecast. Be alert to potential travel problems. Make sure invited guests are warned of potential weather related problems and what precautions might be needed. Do not be afraid to cancel an activity if the weather becomes a hazard.

### Vehicle

Vehicle accidents are the most common cause of injuries to our personnel and are usually preventable. Do a pre-trip inspection of your vehicle. At the very least check the following items:

Tires, wipers, fluids, battery, windows, safety equipment, signaling devices, flashlight, drinking water, lights, first aid kit, tire jack, spare tire, brakes and drive belts.

### Home

Fires cause many holiday tragedies. Practice good fire safety in the home. Hold family fire drills, especially for children and guests. If you use a live Christmas Tree, be sure to get one that is green and freshly cut. Keep it cool, well watered, and remove it promptly after the holidays. If you have a fireplace, be sure to use fire doors or screen, and don’t leave any fire unattended. Check the operation of your smoke detectors. Replace the batteries regularly.

Use only approved lights for decorations. Avoid overloading electrical circuits. Don’t use candles for decorative purposes in the vicinity of flammable materials.

Holiday crimes and ruin the festive season. Employ basic precautions to protect your property from intrusion, theft, and damage. Be alert to personal safety issues and keep close watch and other members of your group, especially children.

Keep exits and doors free of decorations, clutter and any-

thing else that might impede exit in the event of an emergency.

Remove snow and ice from walks and stairs.

### Personal safety

Be alert to the possibility of car jacking. Park in well lit areas. Check the car before entering. Don’t leave Christmas packages in sight. Report suspicious activities. Use a buddy system. Have a store guard accompany you to your vehicle. Lock your car doors when driving. (Don’t open them for strangers) Don’t venture into unfamiliar areas or neighborhoods.

Don’t allow the holiday activities to cause undue stress. Be sure to get adequate rest. Allow time to enjoy events. Be sensitive to the restrictions illnesses, such as colds or flu, will have on your overall condition.

Select holiday gifts suitable for age and abilities of the person. Don’t buy gifts in the hope that the person will grow into them. Adhere to age guidelines printed on packages that are determined by the manufacturers.

Be sensitive to possible terrorist or other disruptive actions. Be alert to suspicious activities in your surroundings. Contact law enforcement or other officials if something or someone seems suspicious. Make note of methods of exit or escape when in facilities or locations that have large concentrations of people.

Be aware, be careful, have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

## FAA rule changes for military

By Master Sgt. LaToya E. Sizer  
Special to The Scout

Security checks currently employed in the airline industry include random baggage and gate checks. The computer will randomly select individuals to have their checked bags, carry on, and their persons checked.

This can be very time consuming for the airlines, but necessary.

A new rule change by the FAA is that active duty military traveling on official travel or leave are exempt from this check. Just have your orders or leave form on you when you check in and it will save you some valuable time. You may have to remind the person checking you in about the rule change. The citation is FAA Security Regulation 108-01-10E 20 Nov 2001 Section 2, Para B1 Selectee Exemptions.

Government civilians and family members were not addressed, but it is recommended that they have the same documentation available and mention this when checking in as well.



# Signal unit wins first-time award for deployment excellence

By Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes  
NCOIC, ASC PAO

Signal troops from a unit under the Army Signal Command won an award for deployment excellence stemming from their deployment to Haiti in the last fiscal year.

Lt. Gen. Charles Mahan, Army deputy chief of staff for logistics, recognized the 235th Signal Company for its deployment to Haiti in support of Operation Justinien Cause.

Mahan presented the award to the company's former first sergeant, Master Sgt. Maurice Nowlin, at an award ceremony held in the Pentagon Dec. 6.

Representatives from six other units received the first-ever Chief of Staff, Army Deployment Excellence Awards at the ceremony in the Pentagon's Executive Dining Room.



**Sgt. Carlos Patillo, a satellite communications systems operator maintainer with the 235th Signal Company, 93rd Signal Brigade, Fort Gordon, Ga., installs a radiation warning sign at a tactical satellite communication system antenna during the brigade situational training exercise Dec. 8. During the STX Dec. 5-9, all of the brigade's signal teams were evaluated on installing, operating, maintaining and protecting their equipment.**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Don Smith

**Pfc. Daniel Schultz, a satellite communications systems operator maintainer with the 235th Signal Company, 93rd Signal Brigade, Fort Gordon, Ga., gives a communications status to ground mobile forces at Fort Detrick, Md., on Dec. 9. Ground Mobile Forces controlled communications satellites the brigade used during the brigade Situational Training Exercise Dec. 5-9. During the STX, all of the brigade's signal teams were evaluated on installing, operating, maintaining and protecting their equipment.**

The 235th Signal Company at Fort Gordon, Ga., is under the 93rd Signal Battalion at Fort Gordon. Nowlin accepted the first-place Deployment Excellence Award for the deploying unit (small) category. Fort Sill, Okla., was the overall winner.

The award recognizes units and installations for outstanding deployment accomplishments that meet or exceed established standards, said Brig. Gen. Donald Parker, director of Force Projection and Distribution for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

"This ceremony was first scheduled for late September, but '9-11' changed those plans. Now it's equally important today that we conduct it," Parker said. "Current operations have certainly underscored the need to continue to strive for deployment excellence across our Army."

Mahan said he has seen what units have to go through when

they don't prepare, and that gives the Army a black eye. The inception of the award and the ceremony is vital in creating deployment excellence, Mahan said. And the ceremony would have taken place even if it had to be done in the Pentagon hallways, he added.

The awards recognized Reserve, National Guard and active-duty units for specific deployments completed during fiscal year 2001. The unit representatives who received the awards said they were honored to be setting precedence, and some offered advice to help others strive for excellence.

"All of the other excellence awards go hand-in-hand," Nowlin said, "If units work together in all of the award categories, supply, maintenance and now deployment, they'll find out that they'll be strong in each of them, which will improve the unit's overall performance."

## Reorganize from Page 1

While performing as a unified staff in executing policy, planning, and resource management responsibilities, the secretariat and Army staff organizations will maintain separate and discrete functions as required by law.

However, the organizational changes will facilitate greater collaboration between the secretariat and Army staff by clarifying responsibilities and authorities of each staff and establishing support relationships between elements of the staff.

The secretariat staff will retain responsibility for formulating policy and providing strategic direction, as well as overseeing the execution of Army plans and programs.

The Army staff will continue to prepare plans, supervise their execution and coordinate activities Army-wide in support of both Title 10 functions and combatant command missions.

The secretary of the Army, under secretary of the Army, chief of staff of the Army and vice chief of staff of the Army will form the Army's Executive Office, under direction of the secretary. It will provide direction and set the priorities for the Army.

Selected senior Army staff principals will advise and assist their counterpart assistant secretaries of the Army to enhance the flow of information and speed decision-making. While working closely with the assistant secretaries, the Army staff principals will continue to support the chief of staff.

The realignment more fully integrates the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve into key positions of authority to better accommodate the key issues and concerns of all components within a single integrated staff.

The realignments are also designed to im-

prove the control of resources and thereby provide tangible benefit to Army commands, installations, and ultimately soldiers and their families. Implementation will begin in December and be completed by September 2002.

Military positions eliminated in this process will be redistributed to Army field units; therefore, the realignments will not reduce Army end strength.

Every reasonable effort will be made to place Department of the Army civilians, whose positions are eliminated, in positions of continued federal service to avoid adverse impacts on individuals.

Dollar savings resulting from the elimination of civilian positions will be available to fund priority requirements. The U.S. Army Audit Agency will monitor implementation and maintain an accounting of resource transfers.

Tuesday's announcement is the result of in-

tensive efforts by the Headquarters, Department of the Army Realignment Task Force that White established on June 25, 2001.

The task force, consisting of about 30 senior civilian and military members, looked at all aspects of the headquarters' functions to include: acquisition, headquarters management, human resources, information management, logistics, installation/facilities management, operations, training, intelligence, requirements development, resource management, external affairs, and civil works.

The next step, which will be accomplished by Spring 2002, is to conduct a similar review of organizations below the Army headquarters level and of those organizations that support the headquarters.

The scope of changes that may take place at Fort Huachuca is still being determined.

## CFC from Page 1

was going on. After all, the world was turned upside down. Soldiers and civilians alike were thrust into turmoil not knowing one day to the next what would happen.

"But in this time of need, the citizens of Fort Huachuca and Cochise County reached out to help prove that we are a community that cares. Americans always go above and beyond the expected when disaster hits home. I believe that's what did it this year.

"We sent out disaster relief organizations sheets showing that despite everything, despite the overwhelming feeling that we were too far away to really help, we as a community could help in a big way.

"So far, the American Red Cross has received the majority of the contributions at 13 percent of our overall total. So far, Southern

Arizona and our local community have collected about 14 percent of the unofficial totals.

"This year, we extended the campaign helping ensure we were able to reach everyone. According to our records, 25.3 percent of Fort Huachuca has participated in the campaign, an increase from last year. We wanted to ensure everyone on this installation was at least given the opportunity to contribute.

"So we asked...we asked again...then we asked once more. Of course, we wish we could have reached more people, but we believe those that didn't give through the Combined Federal Campaign gave in some other way.

"We were all touched in some way by the tragedies of Sept. 11. And we all felt the need

to help in some way. There were many ways people could help. If not through the Combined Federal Campaign, then maybe they gave directly to a disaster relief organization or to a local charity of their choice.

"Unfortunately, there is really no way for us to calculate contributions given outside of CFC. Of the 1800 organizations listed in the campaign brochure, we listed 48 that were collecting for disaster relief efforts. Some people gave to these organizations. Some gave to other organizations in the brochure. The organization, the amount and the reasons are all very personal for the individual contributor. All I can say is I am very proud to be a part of this community. We stood up and helped in this time of crisis."

Hurley, Capt. Kimberly Retchless, 2nd Lt.

Jeremy England and all the Unit Coordinators and Key Workers would like to thank Fort Huachuca and Cochise County for everything they have done to make this year's campaign a success. On Fort Huachuca alone, with money still being counted, we have given out 178 leadership awards (contributions of \$500 or more), 188 double pacesetter awards (contributions of \$250) and 367 pacesetter awards (contributions of \$125).

On Jan. 23, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., in Fitch Auditorium, there will be an awards ceremony for those units who went above and beyond this year. First, second and third place awards will be given to units based on unit size and their per capita contribution. Award-winning units will be contacted once all the totals are in.



# Community Updates

## Last Scout of 2001

Today’s issue of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper is the last one for the year 2001. The deadline for submissions remains one week prior to desired publication date. The first issue of 2002 will be Jan. 10. Items for that issue must be received by Jan. 4. For more information, call Managing Editor, Angela Moncur, at 533-1987.

## Vehicle decals available

The Directorate of Public Safety has received its shipment of vehicle registration decals. Individuals needing a vehicle registration decal should go to Alchesay Barracks, Building 31122, Room 116 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Be sure to bring your vehicle registration, previous vehicle pass, ID card, proof of insurance and drivers license. Park at the south end of the building and enter through the back door.

## Funeral route changes

The Directorate of Installation Support will reroute the vehicular funeral route from Grierson Avenue to Christy Avenue. This is due to demolition and construction of 110 new family housing units. This rerouting will provide safe access for visitors while the contractor fences off a major portion of the Bonnie Blink housing area.

## Military Appreciation Night

Every Friday is Military Appreciation Night at the Steak Out Restaurant and Saloon in Sonoita, Ariz. (The Steak Out is located at the southeast corner of Highway 82 and 83 intersection.) Patrons associated with the military receive a 25 percent discount on food. This includes all active duty-soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, Guard and Reserve forces, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and contractors working for the military. Present an ID to the waitress. Reservations encouraged. For reservations, call (520) 455-5205.

## Range closures

Today	AL, AW
Friday	T1, T1A, T2

This report covers the Big Game hunt period through Dec. 30. Dates not listed for the period are open to hunt. For questions regarding the closure of ranges please call Range Control at 533-7095.

## DOIM classes scheduled

The Directorate of Information Management offers several computer classes for December, including Basic Excel 2000, today; Intermediate Excel 2000, Friday; Outlook, Dec. 27; and Practical PC, Dec. 31.

All classes start promptly at 9 a.m., and class size is limited to 14 students. It is mandatory to sign up for a class prior to attend-

ing. It is beneficial to sign up as early as possible, as classes fill up quickly.

The classroom is located in De Rosy Cabell Hall on Christy Avenue, Building 22324. For more information or to register for a class, call Pfc. Megan Thacher at 533-3283.

## Flea market Christmas schedule

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Flea Market will operate its annual Christmas schedule. The flea market will be open through Jan. 4. Weekend rates apply. Today, Friday and Dec. 24-28 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2 will be at no charge for our clients. For more information, call Lion Lee Hinzman at 378-1399.

## VA Benefits briefings set

Veterans Benefits Briefings are given by representatives of the VA Regional Office, The VA Hospital, The Tucson Vet Center, and the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

Representatives cover VA Benefits such as education and training, health care, home loan guarantees, disability compensation, pensions, life insurance, burial, and vocational rehabilitation. It is important for all soldiers who are submitting claims for medical conditions to come to this briefing. The forms necessary for the submission and an explanation of how to complete the forms is provided.

The public is invited to attend this briefing. All VA benefits briefings are held in Building 22420, from 8 a.m. to noon. No reservation required. The last briefing of this year is set for today. Briefings for 2002 are set for Jan. 25, Feb. 14, March 21, April 18, May 23, June 20, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

## Lions Club dinner

The La Salida del Sol Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas/Appreciation dinner today at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center, 2047 S. Highway 92, starting with its social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. Dinner will start at 7 p.m. Cost per person is \$18. Please RSVP to Lions Fern 459-3419 or Anita at 456-9033. Lions from other clubs are invited to attend. Emcee will be Region Chairman Marie Alexander. There will be a gift exchange if you wish to participate.

## Be a foster parent

Thinking about becoming a foster parent? Come learn how...’tis the season to be giving, give from the heart! Attend an information meeting today at 6 p.m. in Suite 11 at the Landmark Plaza in Sierra Vista. RSVP 458-2761 as soon as possible. Families are needed.

## Church presents Christmas play

Pastor Keith Kersey and members of

First Southern Baptist Church in Bisbee invite the community to a performance of “The Grandmother’s Story” Sunday at 6 p.m. Grandmother, played by Johnnie Burkett, tells the story of Jesus’ birth to her young grandson, played by Thomas Dillard.

This delightful play is an original, written by Mary Knight of Bisbee.

First Southern Baptist Church is located at 500 Arizona Street in the Warren area of Bisbee. Transportation is available for those who wish to attend. For more information, call 432-4901 or 432-4503.

## Adopt a greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will host a Greyhound Adoption Day on Dec. 29 for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The adoption day will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bookman’s Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd. The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs. For more information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

## AFTB classes offered

Army Family Team Building, a training program for all military families will begin in January. To register or for more information, contact the AFTB office at 533-3686 or e-mail [huachuca\\_aftb@hotmail.com](mailto:huachuca_aftb@hotmail.com).

Class dates are Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and March 7 (Thursday mornings) from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Murr Community Center.

Classes are open to spouses of all ranks of active duty soldiers, reservists, and Department of Army civilians.

## Tax Center opens Jan. 7

The Judge Advocate General office will begin manning and operating the Fort Huachuca Tax Center from Jan. 7, 2002 through April 15, 2002.

The hours of operation will be Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and will be located at the rear entrance of Building 21115, the Public Affairs Office. The services provided by the Tax Center will be available to all personnel with valid military ID cards.

## FCC applications accepted

Fort Huachuca Family Child Care is now accepting new provider applications. FCC Providers are adult family members that offer childcare in their quarters.

All FCC Providers must be certified by Child and Youth Services. FCC will offer training Jan. 7-18, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The training is free of charge. Interested family members should contact the program director at 533-2494 or 533-2498.

## MAC luncheon

The Military Affairs Committee’s monthly

luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 8, at the LakeSide Activities Centre. This is a change from the usual monthly Wednesday meeting.

Congressman Jim Kolbe is the guest speaker. His will give a legislative update regarding small business and military issues followed by a question and answer period. Cost of the buffet lunch is \$8.50. For reservations call the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940.

## SEPC meets Jan. 8

The Fort Huachuca’s Special Emphasis Program Committee would like to invite all interested personnel and the community to the next SEPC meeting which will be on Jan. 8, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. at the Equal Employment Opportunity Office Classroom, Building 22328.

The SEPC is doing many new innovative projects and we would like for you to be a part of them. The SEPC meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month to discuss and analyze problem areas and then provide advice and assistance to management officials on how to remove employment barriers and correct policies, practices, and procedures which may be discriminatory.

Our meetings are open to all interested employees at Fort Huachuca. For information, call the SEP Manager, Joan Street, at 538-0276.

## MP Det. changes command

The 18th Military Police Detachment, U.S. Army Garrison will host a change of command ceremony at 9 a.m., Jan. 11, 2002 at Brown Parade Field Gazebo.

Capt. Scott V.M. Chambers will relinquish command to Capt. Michael G. Shands. Reception will follow. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Murr Community Center.

## Federal Jobs Workshops

Federal Jobs Workshops are offered to explain subjects such as What is Federal Government Employment, How To Use the Internet To Find Out Where Government Jobs Are Located, Federal Jobs Benefits, Federal Pay Scales, Interpreting a Federal Job Advertisement, Federal Applications, How to Apply for a Government Job, Veteran’s Preference, The Selection Process, RESUMIX Procedures, and Outlook on Opportunities.

The public is invited to attend. All Federal Jobs Workshops are held in Building 22420 from 8 to 10 a.m. No reservation required.

Workshops for 2002 are set for Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 7, July 12, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6. For information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

# Fort to host technology exposition

*By Kelly Myers and Chuck Collins*  
*NCSI & Small Business Office Specialist*

On Jan. 8, 2002 approximately thirty exhibitors demonstrating the latest and greatest in computer hardware, software and services will be on-hand at the annual one-day, Fort Huachuca Technology Expo at La Hacienda in the Geronimo Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“These technology expos provide an excellent opportunity for Fort Huachuca personnel to see exhibitors demonstrating the latest IT equipment and technologies applicable to their job,” according to Chuck Collins, Fort Huachuca small business specialist.

The federal procurement process has drastically changed over the past decade. Almost all businesses have a Web site and electronic commerce is a cost effective way to market, process orders, and provides customer service 24 hours a day.

Preparing a company proposal for a government Request for Proposal takes a fraction of the time that it did 10 years ago.

Government personnel can view the latest product and services and purchase them without leaving their desk.

So in today’s point, click, and send world, why do companies and government personnel still use on-site trade shows as a primary forum to do business?

It’s simple, people feel most comfortable buying from other people,” according to Jim Howard, Deputy for Small Business at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division.

“You have to be educated and convinced that you are making a good decision and that someone will be there for you when you need them down the line,” Howard added.

“It is one thing to buy your plane ticket online or a printer or monitor, but selecting a trust-

worthy contractor to provide a product solution or expertise to improve the efficiency of a Tomahawk Cruise Missile is something that starts with face-to-face contact.”

These events prove to be valuable to the exhibiting companies as well, according to John Skipper, Vice President of National Conference Services Inc., the fair’s producer since 1994.

“In four hours a company can see between 300 or more federal personnel,” Skipper said. “Normally this kind of face-to-face contact would take months or years and cost the company valuable time and resources.

“It also provides companies the opportunity to meet with government officials and inquire about various procurement needs, doing business with the government and identifying points of contact for their specific needs.”

The exhibit hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Jan. 8, 2002.

The different types of technologies that will be displayed include; E-Learning, SatCom, Knowledge Management Solutions, Data Warehousing, Network Operations Services, Web/Enterprise Content Management, Information Assurance/Security, Mobile Computing Solutions, Wireless Networking/Computing, Collaboration Tools, Hardware, Software, and much more.

There is no fee to attend and complimentary refreshments will be served. All Fort personnel and contractors with normal access to the post are invited to view the exhibits.

All companies (both large and small) with Fort Huachuca mission-related products and services are invited to exhibit on a first-come, first served basis.

For more information, call National Conference Services, Inc. at (888) 603-8899. The Small Business Office sponsors the event.

# Pets of the Week



**“Brooklyn” is a 13-month-old female chocolate/white pitbull. She is good with kids, and is a wonderful, sweet dog. Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, a heartworm test, a microchip, all vaccinations and deworming.**



**“Shadow” is a two-year-old domestic short haired female black and white cat. She is already spayed and declawed in front and is a very sweet cat. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes deworming, a feline leukemia test, all vaccinations and a microchip.**



**“Coco,” “Robbie” and “Shiloh” are eight-week old Australian shepherd mix puppies. Two are female and one is a male. The adoption fee is \$52 for the females and \$42 for the males and includes a spay/neuter, a microchip, vaccinations and deworming.**



**These six kittens are domestic short-haired and are seven weeks old and ready to be adopted on Friday. They are all very cuddly and playful. The adoption fee for each is \$42, which includes a spay or neuter, vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, a microchip and deworming.**

**These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.**



# Chalk Talk



Smith school photo

**Smith Middle School student council finished their canned food drive with a total of 2,351 cans for St. Vincent DePaul Society.**

**Smith Middle School Student Council.** The annual canned food drive is over. The student council thanks all the students, parents and staff that donated cans for the November Canned Food Drive. Smith Middle School gave a total of 2,351 cans to the St. Vincent DePaul Society to help those in need here on post as well as in Sierra Vista.

Santagrams will be available for sale this week and will be delivered on Friday.

**Art classes.** The new semester will bring new students to our exploratory classes. All students currently in art should be bringing their work home the last week of class in December. Jessi Joiner, an eighth-grade art student recently won \$50 for her design for the SMILE conference. Her design, selected from many entries all over Cochise County, will be used for the January teacher's conference. Nancy Murphy thanked all the students who participated.

**All A Honor Roll (4.0)** Sixth grade: Brianna Rossow and Evelyn Welch. 7th grade: Jamie Bartholowmew, Sophia Bieranowski, Jessica Clemmer, John Iacovone and Shawn O'Keefe.

**3.5 and Above** Sixth grade: Marcel Baker, Matt Benson, Fernando Calderon, Brittany Camancho, Lela Cowherd, Zackary Degrood, Amanda Hupp, Brooke Jump, Evan Lake, Daniel Lawless, Mary Lawless, Nicole Lesieur, Chris McKeel, Emily Moxley, Sophia Navedo, Niccole Pierre, Chris Sankey and Ginger Thompson.

Seventh grade: Brooke Bails, Lanea Booker, Diana Cox, Andrew Crossman, Rachel Custer, Chris Feil, Christina Hu, Trevor Hussein, Rescharde Johnson, Lance Krietemyer, Char-

lotte Meador, Samantha Plate, April Roberts, Brian Serrano and Amber Watkins.

Eighth grade: Cassie Anderson, Vienna Baker, Ray Calderon, Claire Marks, Dan O'Keefe, Carlos Sanchez, Juliana Snyder, Victoria Vasconellos and Talisa Williams.

The students received Honor Roll certificates from the principal. The National Junior Honor Society organized the ceremony. Students also received a candy bar for regular honor roll, and a candy bar and soda for 4.0 honor roll. The school thanked the Parent, Teacher, Student Organization for providing the funds for the candy and soda.

**National Junior Honor Society.** On Nov. 9 the society traveled to Cochise College for the "Yes, You're the Boss" conference. The NJHS students worked with students from many different schools in Cochise County.

Students worked in groups to design a business from start to finish, budgeting, getting a business license, to creating the store and the final product. It was fun and Smith students enjoyed working with other schools and business people from the area.

Many thanks to all who donated winter clothing for the Coats for Kids Drive. The society collected over 100 articles of clothing for the less fortunate children of the area, along with the Optimist Club of Sierra Vista. Special recognition goes to the seventh-grade NJHS members who were the main thrust behind this project.

The next meeting will be 12:20 p.m., Friday in the art studio.

# Fort program offers water, energy conservation tips for winter season

## WWES release

It's that time of year again — winter in Arizona. Although we do not have the extreme cold temperatures as do our friends and families "back east" we still find ourselves turning up the thermostat and using more hot water.

Here are a few tips for you from the Water Wise and Energy Smart Program to help you stay snug and comfortable while doing your part to conserve energy and water for Fort Huachuca.

Did you know that the thermostat on your water heater has been set to 120 degrees by the maintenance contractor?

This setting helps to conserve energy and prevent accidental scalding. Check to make sure that the hot water in your home seems to be at the appropriate temperature.

When turning on the hot water tap, once it has warmed up, does it seem very hot or too cold? If so, call the Work Order Desk at 533-2003. Maintenance personnel can check out your water heater to see if it is working properly.

When you are waiting for the water to heat up by running it out of the faucet, catch the cool water in a pitcher or bucket. You can use this water for plants, pets, or to refill your humidifier.

Set your thermostat at the lowest temperature that allows your family or guests to be

comfortable at home. Turn down the thermostat to 64 degrees during the day if no one is home. Turn down the thermostat to 64 degrees at night and use more bed covers. (Consult your pediatrician if you have very young children.)

Dress more warmly while indoors during the winter months.

In the garden, winter rains are normally sufficient to sustain mature plants. Young shrubs and trees should be watered deeply at least once a month.

Evergreen plants, those which keep their leaves on during the winter, may require irrigation twice a month. If we have a dry winter, water mature plants once every 8-12 weeks.

For winter color you can plant many of the cold hardy annual bedding plants now available at local nurseries. Contact our office for planting instructions for living Christmas trees.

Houseplants react to the shorter daytime by going semi-dormant, so cut back on fertilizers until spring.

Decreased indoor light may also make houseplants become "leggy." Move to windows or supplement with artificial lighting.

For more information on how you can help to conserve Fort Huachuca's precious natural and funding resources, call the Water Wise and Energy Smart Office at 538-SAVE.



WWES photo

## Water wizards

**Students from Henry Bos' third-grade class Johnston Elementary School celebrate their Water Wise graduation with Wettie the Waterdrop. Students completed an eight-lesson series on water conservation presented by Fort Huachuca's Water Wise and Energy Smart Program. Water Wise classes teach students about the water cycle, water pollution, water-based habitats, and water history to demonstrate the importance of water in our lives and encourage water conservation. To schedule a class, call Ginger Maxey at 538-SAVE (7283).**